



# Minnesota Ag News – Crop Production

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## MINNESOTA CORN PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST MONTH

**CORN** production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.18 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 4 percent from 2007 according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Minnesota Field Office. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 163 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month but up from last year's yield of 146 bushels per acre. Corn for grain harvested area is estimated at 7.25 million acres, down 7 percent from last year.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 278 million bushels, unchanged from last month's forecast and up 10 percent from last year. Soybean yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, unchanged from last month's forecast and down 1 bushel from 2007. Soybean harvested area is estimated at 6.95 million acres, up 13 percent from a year ago.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is forecast at 9.78 million tons, up 1 percent from last month but down 15 percent from 2007. Yield is forecast at 22.7 tons per acre, down 1.1 tons per acre from last year's yield of 23.8 tons per acre.

## U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**Corn** production is forecast at 12.1 billion bushels, down 2 percent from last month and 8 percent below 2007. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 152.3 bushels per acre, down 2.7 bushels from August but 1.2 bushels above last year. If realized, yield will be the second highest on record, behind 2004, while production will be the second largest, behind last year. Yield forecasts are lower than last month across the northern and eastern Corn Belt and the Ohio and Tennessee Valleys where the lack of rainfall during August reduced soil moisture supplies and stressed the crop. Yield prospects also decreased across much of the middle Mississippi Valley and adjacent areas of the Great Plains as dry weather during August eliminated soil moisture surpluses.

**Soybean** production is forecast at 2.93 billion bushels, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 13 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth largest production on record. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 40.0 bushels per acre, down 0.5 bushel from last month and down 1.2 bushels from 2007. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower or unchanged in the mid-Atlantic States, the central and eastern Corn Belt, Louisiana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Yields increased or are unchanged from the August 1 forecast across the Southeast and the remainder of the Great Plains. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 73.3 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 17 percent from 2007.

**Sugarbeet** Production of sugarbeets in 2008 is forecast at 26.1 million tons, down 3 percent from the August forecast and down 18 percent from last year. Production forecasts are down from last year in all estimating States except Colorado. Growers expect to harvest 1.06 million acres in 2008, up 1 percent from the August forecast but down 15 percent from last year. The yield forecast, at 24.7 tons per acre, is up 0.6 ton from August but down 0.9 ton from 2007. Yield expectations are higher than last month in all States except North Dakota and Washington.

## MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2007 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2008 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2007 YIELD	2008 YIELD	2007 PRODUCTION (000)	2008 PRODUCTION (000)
MINNESOTA						
CORN (Bu)	7,800	7,250	146.0	163.0	1,138,800	1,181,750
SOYBEANS (Bu)	6,150	6,950	41.0	40.0	252,150	278,000
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	481	431	23.8	22.7	11,448	9,784
UNITED STATES						
CORN (Bu)	86,542	79,290	151.1	152.3	13,073,893	12,072,365
SOYBEANS (Bu)	62,820	73,341	41.2	40.0	2,585,207	2,933,888
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,246.8	1,057.7	25.6	24.7	31,912	26,089